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AGENDA

WATER POLICY INTERIM COMMITTEE

Bozeman City Hall, 121 N. Rouse Ave

May 22, 2018

AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

Tuesday, May 22

9 a.m. **Reconvene**

9:05 a.m. **Committee study of the process of changing a water right (continued)**

- Draft findings and conclusions
 - Mr. Mohr
- Proposals of draft legislation
- Committee questions, discussion, decisions

9:30 a.m. **Study of exempt groundwater wells**

- Ground Water Investigation Program: Current and future studies
 - John Metesh, state geologist (Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology)
 - Ginette Abdo, GWIP manager (MBMB)
- Status of water availability issues related to Home40 subdivision
 - TBA
- Update on Vision2020
 - Mark Simonich, CEO, Montana Association of Realtors
- Public comment
- Draft findings and conclusions
- Proposals of draft legislation
- Committee questions, discussion, decisions

10:30 a.m. **Review of water issues from Montana Climate Assessment**

- Cathy Whitlock, Montana Institute on Ecosystems co-director (Montana State University)
- Public comment
- Committee questions and discussion

11 a.m. **Stream gauges: Who pays for them, who uses them**

- Jennifer Downing, Big Hole Watershed Committee
- John Kilpatrick, Montana-Wyoming Water Science Center director (U.S. Geological Survey)
- Paul Azevedo, Water Management Bureau chief (DNRC)
- Don Skaar, Habitat Access Bureau chief (FWP)
- Public comment
- Committee questions and discussion

Noon **Overview of the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service efforts in Montana**

- Steve Becker, state conservation engineer, NRCS
- Public comment
- Committee questions and discussion

12:30 p.m. **DEQ nutrient reports**

- Myla Kelly, Standards and Modeling Section supervisor (Department of Environmental Quality)
 - Nutrient work group: Biennial summary report (75-5-313, MCA)
 - Nutrient standards update (75-5-313, MCA)

1 p.m. **Temporary leasing report (85-2-427, MCA)**

- Mr. Langel

1:15 p.m. **Administrative matters**

- Administrative rule review and update – Ms. Bills
- July meeting preview – Mr. Mohr
- Instructions to staff
- Public comment
- Committee questions and discussion

1:25 p.m. **Public comment on any issue within the jurisdiction of the WPIC**

1:30 p.m. **Adjourn**